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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, members of the body. I guess I have some questions of Senator Maurstad as well, but...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Maurstad, will you yield again for questions?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yes, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Maurstad, I'm not very...I'm really not very certain of some of these medical terms that I've been reading about and I'd like to clarify a little bit more, if we could, the...your understanding of what a partial-birth abortion means. And as I understand it, there are two different kinds of procedures and one is called the "intact D&E" or the "D&X" as its referred to in some literature, and then there is the "D&E". And I am wondering if partial-birth abortion refers to both of those procedures. Now I heard you say, earlier, when Senator Chambers was asking questions, that this referred to an intact D&E. Is that correct? Is that your understanding.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: No, I don't believe I did say that. I think that what I indicated was in the press that it has been referred and described in a number of different ways. If I could...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's the problem, Senator Maurstad. I don't think there's a clear understanding of what this terminology means and I agree with Senator Abboud that there might have to be, at least, some discussion for the record of what we're really talking about here. So could you elaborate a little bit?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yes, Senator Schimek, Madam President. I can go through what my opening of General File again where I described, for the record, what I meant by a partial-birth abortion if you would like me to do that. I can secure...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Could you...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I can secure that...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Could you give me a one sentence...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: The...